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Facing up to charity challenge

MBE for youth worker Alan

Alan Lewis with SAY members Aaron and Alfie Woods and the letter confirming award

A DEDICATED youth worker who has been providing activities for young people for nearly 30 years was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours.

Alan Lewis from Ashurst started Skelmersdale Action Sport Youth Club in 1988 for seven to 11–year–olds. This later became Skelmersdale Action for Sport (SAS).

And in 1998 he started Skelmersdale Action For Youth (SAY) to provide positive activities for both young and older people.

The group is still running today and more than 55,000 people have been involved in it over the years.

Father–of–two Alan, 57, who is a veteran of the Royal Green Jackets, said: "SAY received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2010 which was great. But to receive the MBE for my work with young people and the community was the icing on the cake.

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DEATH SPARKS CRASH BARRIER PLEA FOR M58

Mum speaks out after yet another motorway tragedy

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE mother of a young man who was killed at an 'accident black spot' on the M58 has renewed calls for a crash barrier on the stretch of road after a grandfather from Aughton tragically died in an accident on the same spot on Boxing Day.

Susan Davies contacted the Champion after father–of–three David Dale, 68, died at the scene of the accident which took place on December 26.

His car, heading westbound on the M58, left the carriageway around a mile from Junction 1, went down the embankment, crashed through a wooden fence and rolled over into an adjacent field.

Susan's son Robert James Davies, 26, died when his car came off the same stretch of the M58 in August, 2011.

Dad–of–one Robert's car also went down the embankment and ploughed through a picket fence. He died from internal injuries.

An investigation later found the accident may have been caused by excess water on the road.

Susan Davies is set to meet officials from the Highways Agency to raise her concerns and request that a crash barrier is put up along this stretch of road.

She said: "I would like to talk to David Dale's family because I have been in the same situation and know how they will be feeling and I would like to reach out to them. They will be in shock right now and they will be wondering how this could have happened.

"But I wish someone had reached out to me after Robert's death and told me why.

"There have been an unbelievable number of accidents on this stretch of road, it is a black spot. One of my friends lives overlooking this stretch and she told there have been more than

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Merit awards for window displays

THREE local businesses have won Certificates of Merit in a contest designed to judge how well window displays promoted Ormskirk town centre.

Displays at Pandora's Box lingerie boutique on Wheatsheaf Walk, home and gift store Vanilla on Burscough Street, and wedding and celebration cake store Scrumptious Cakes on Church Walk, were rated the highest in the Christmas Shop Window Display Promotion contest run by West Lancashire Civic Trust.

The trust is a charity which aims to encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in West Lancashire, stimulate public interest in the beauty, history and character of the area and its surroundings and encourage its preservation, development and improvement.

Investment centre celebrates 10 years of helping businesses

Council say facility is going from strength to strength

Report by **Henry James**

THE West Lancashire Investment Centre this month celebrates its 10th anniversary of helping firms to do business and borough council chiefs say it is going from strength to strength.

The centre which provides office accommodation, conference and meeting room facilities, as well as an on–site café, was recently a finalist in the conference/meeting venue category of the Lancashire Tourism Awards.

All 43 office suites at the centre, situated by junction four of the M58 in Skelmersdale, are now occupied with the last incubator unit having been let to new tenants in October.

It has also recently been awarded AIM (Accredited in Meetings) from the Meetings Industry Association, which serves to provide a kitemark of quality assurance.

West Lancs Council leader and portfolio holder for regeneration, Councillor David Westley, said: "I am delighted the Investment Centre is full once again, proving what great facilities it has and the great service that is provided by council staff who work there. This has been recognised by regional and national organisations and we are all very proud of the plaudits received."

The West Lancashire Investment Centre was created to help tackle the shortage of quality conference facilities and assist businesses to grow in Skelmersdale.

Staff welcomed the first tenants in January 2005 and since then the council said it has become a "popular business destination, spearheading the development of Whitemoss Business Park and serving as an important local resource."

One of the centre's key functions has been to provide business incubation space to stimulate and drive the growth of early–stage business and new business start–ups within a supportive nurturing environment.

The council has commented that: "The development has created employment opportunities for the local community, thereby contributing towards the economic sustainability of the area. It is renowned for quality of service and benefits from proximity to major regional conurbations while itself enjoying an uncongested, attractive rural setting."

Hatchard Medical Ltd., which specialises in the supply and maintenance of dental and medical equipment, has been at WLIC since shortly after it opened.

Managing director, Kevin Hatchard, said: "We moved here because the centre suited our requirements ideally, providing both a workbase and showroom so that we could display our equipment to potential clients. The presence, modern design and up–to–date security features project an ideal first impression to our customers.

"The investment centre has been able to adapt to our needs and staff are always willing to assist in whatever way they can. We have held evening events in the centre's conference suites using the catering services and these have been a great success."

The Specsavers professional recruitment team moved into the centre in autumn 2014.

Chris Howarth, Specsavers' director of professional recruitment, said: "Our move to the new offices has been hugely successful for us. The location of the offices is perfect for visitors from all around the country to access easily, which is very important to us."

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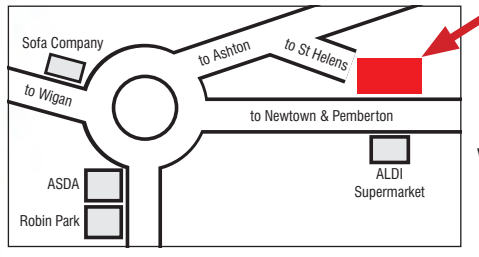

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Writer has first book published – and it's thanks to the Champ!

Report by **Henry James**

Article prompted Leonard to attend event where he met publisher

A KEEN writer who was prompted to attend a public reading event after spotting an article in the Champion has just had his first book published.

Leonard O'Toole, from Old Skelmersdale went to along to the evening in Up Holland library last summer and read out some of his work.

While there he met John Dench, publishing editor of Green Arrow Publishing.

And John was so impressed with Leonard's work that he has helped him to put together a collection of poetry called Loss, Hope, Love and Life.

Leonard said: "It's the first book I have written and I would not have had it published if I had not seen the article in the newspaper.

"The Up Holland event was the first time I had read out my work to people other than family and friends.

"John Dench helped me to put the book together and put the finishing touches to it.

"I already had some material when I went to the meeting and have written more since then. I see it as uplifting work for the New Year."

The 35–year–old believes he inherited his knack for writing from his mother, Jane O'Toole. He said: "I think I picked up my love of writing from my mother. She was given a record deal in America in the 1970s, but for a number of reasons could not take up the offer."

Leonard explains in an introduction in the book what his inspiration for writing the poetry was.

He writes: "It is based upon my experiences and of those around me as I have perceived them throughout my life.

"It begins by dealing with loss, then how from loss we're able to move on to finding hope again and finding and feeling love again and the joys and problems this can bring in equal measure.

"I also tell a few tales of life and talk of my beliefs and philosophise a little about it all."

Impressed

John Dench said he was impressed with Leonard's work and writes in the foreword: "Even from the handful of samples he passed to me for consideration, I could see at once that here was a voice that should be heard...that needed to be heard.

"The writing of poetry is often considered to be a cathartic experience and I think this is most certainly the case with the majority of the 50 poems that make up this first edition. These are poems written from the heart, with passion and above all, with a refreshing honesty."

The cover of Leonard's book

Call for M58 barriers after latest tragedy

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30 accidents there since 2009, including four in December 2012.

"A few months after Robert's crash a woman driver also went down the embankment and into the field and she almost died. She contacted me afterwards and we spoke for hours about what happened to her.

"It is a straight part of the road and none of the drivers were speeding – so why does this keep happening on this particular stretch of road?

"We didn't have the inquest into Robert's death for 18 months and all of the information about how unsafe this section is has come to light over the last 18 months.

"I paid for a private company to do a collision report and they said that the crashes were caused by excessive surface water on the road causing the drivers to lose control of their cars.

"At least two people have crashed through the picket fences and died, the crash barrier must be a priority going forward.

"I read about Mr Dale's accident in the paper and it was horrific, it was just like reading my son's accident report all over again. I was horrified that there had been another accident.

"It made me feel so stressed and anxious as I have been calling for an accident barrier to be put up on this exact section for the last 18 months.

"Work is meant to be held soon to resurface 600 metres of the road but there needs to be a barrier up too."

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Armed robbery at pub

POLICE are appealing for information after an armed robbery at a pub.

The incident happened at shortly before 10.30pm on Tuesday, December 30 when three men wearing dark clothing entered the Beacon pub, Beacon Lane, Dalton.

One of the robbers brandished what appeared to be a handgun at the 19–year–old barman and demanded cash from the till.

They then left with a small amount of cash.

The barman was left shocked but unhurt. Three other people in the pub at the time were also uninjured.

Detective Inspector Jane Webb, of South CID, said: "This must have been a terrifying incident for the barman, who thankfully was not hurt, and I would appeal for anyone with information to get in touch."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Youth worker awarded MBE in New Year Honours List

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"After receiving a letter about my nomination from the Prime Minister's office the hardest part was keeping it secret from the people I work with."

SAY has run conferences on different subjects, including anti–bullying and anti–social behaviour.

Over the years the group has organised drama sessions, skateboarding classes, residential weekends away, swimming and keep fit and turfboarding and sledging sessions.

The activities have been organised with the help of the Artz Centre, the police, the Community Safety Partnership, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, the Crown Prosecution Service, Age UK, Evergreen Hub, CVS and the Young People's Service.

Alan added: "I would like to send a big thank–you to the agencies who helped over the years. I would also like to thank Garry Woods for nominating me and Inspector Sue Swift, Stacey Davis (from the CPS), Councillor John Baldock and Dave Ashley for providing supporting letters.

"Plus, of course, I would like to thank the young people who have taken part in SAY."

West Lancs Borough Councillor, Cllr. Adrian Owens, commented: "I am delighted to see Alan Lewis recognised for his work with young people in Skelmersdale, especially Skelmersdale Action for Youth. It's great to see the real community heroes recognised."

Asda Skelmersdale Community Champion Sharon Roberts (right) presents cheques to Jenny Lundbeck (centre) of West Lancs Womens Refuge and Toni Howard of Yewdale Concilliation Service and ARTZ.

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Community campaign boost for women's refuge

WEST Lancashire Women's Refuge is the latest winner of a community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the charity received a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's Chosen By You Given by Us initiative which gives local charities and organisations the chance to be nominated by the public to receive a donation from their local store.

Yewdale Counselling Service and the Artz Centre were joint runners–up and each received £50.

Asda Skelmersdale Community Champion, Helen Broady, said: "We are glad West Lancashire Women's Refuge has won as this is a busy time of the year for them."

Meanwhile, over Christmas a trolley was placed at Asda Skelmersdale for people to donate toys for the Ecumenical centre appeal. And there has been another trolley for West Lancashire Ark, a charity which helps the homeless. Here shoppers could leave clothing and sleeping bags.

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Family tributes to grandad killed in Boxing Day accident

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TRIBUTES have been paid to a "kind and generous" grandfather who was killed in a car crash on Boxing Day.

Father–of–three David Dale, was driving his black Mercedes saloon car westbound on the M58 at about 8.30pm on Boxing Day (Friday, December 26) when it left the carriageway around a mile from Junction 1, going down an embankment, crashing through a wooden fence and rolling over before coming to rest on its wheels in an adjacent field.

The 68–year–old from Aughton was pronounced dead at the scene.

A spokesman for Mr Dale's family said: "David was a very kind and generous man. He worked extremely hard all of his life and he was a very successful businessman. He was especially well–known around the Liverpool area.

"People loved David's humour and he had a particularly quirky personality.

"He was also a huge Everton fan and regularly attended Goodison Park to watch the games.

"David was also a devoted father – nothing was too much for his three daughters – and doted on his seven grandchildren.

"They, along with all of his family and friends, will now have a significant void in their lives as a result of his untimely death."

A Lancashire Constabulary investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Sergeant Mick Young from the constabulary's road policing unit said: "It is possible that the driver may have suffered a medical episode at the wheel. However, we are appealing for anyone with any information about this incident to contact us so we can determine just how this tragic accident came to happen."

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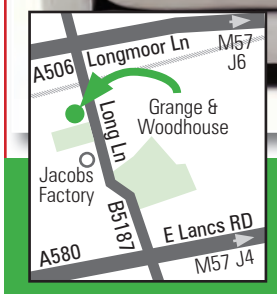

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Retired officers cop a winner with police lifestyle magazine

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A MAGAZINE launched by a group of retired police officers last year is already proving to be an 'arresting' read with healthy readership figures and an ever–gowing number of contributors.

The free, lifestyle publication – aimed at serving and former officers and entitled Nicked – is available in printed A4 format and also online with copies sent to all 46 forces in the UK.

The glossy magazine is the work of 14 former officers – operating as Lemon Tree Media Limited – from Ormskirk, Skelmersdale, Tarleton, Lathom and Liverpool and is produced at the Malthouse business centre in Ormskirk.

The first edition of the magazine was published in April last year featuring advice on subjects such as fitness and healthy eating and articles on hobby activities and get–aways (the holiday variety!).

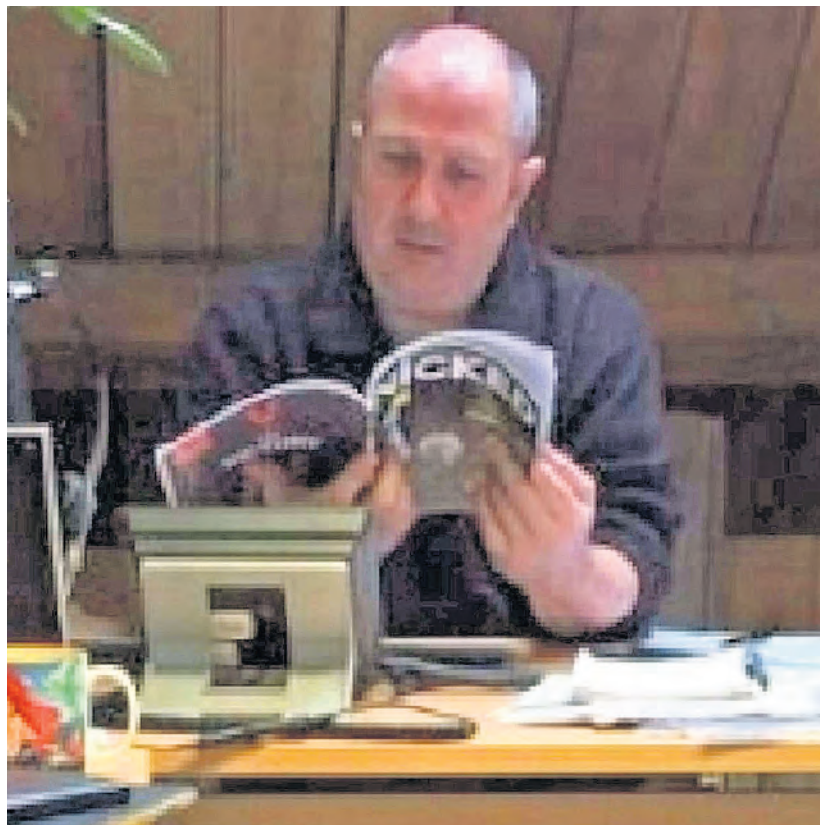
Co–founder Mike Shaw from Lathom, who came up with the initial idea for the magazine, told the Champion: "We are a new publishing company in West Lancashire owned and run by retired police officers and we already have a very appreciative readership.

"We do everything in–house and considering this is our first venture into publishing, we are extremely proud of what we have achieved so far and the reaction from the readers.

"We saw a huge gap in the market when it came to police publications and believe there is nothing out there like Nicked.

"If you are having a difficult shift and you have just recovered a body or sorted out a nasty pub fight, you just want to lose yourself for half–an–hour. All the other magazines available are really formal and official. We spotted a gap for something that was eclectic, a non–political read that focuses on mental, physical and professional improvement.

"As we are based in West Lancashire, our editions so far have all featured a story from someone who is from Lancashire.



Co–founder Mike Shaw casts his eye over the latest edition of Nicked magazine

"In our first issue we featured retired officer Andy Heyes who lost an incredible 10 stone in weight, while the second issue featured an article on a local couple whose children are autistic and on spotting the signs.

"We think our articles are really relevant as well – we are running articles on how to spot deafness, obsessive–compulsive disorder, and how to study for exams while doing shift work.

"The first issue also featured Premier Division referee Chris Foy, who balances his football activities with his career as a serving police officer.

"We also have items on things like fashion, holidays, book reviews, travel and cookery – the latter being a surprisingly popular section.

"Since the first two editions came out we have been contacted by so many officers and civilian police workers who want to make a contribution. The next four of five editions are nearly full already – it's almost writing itself with the number of contributions we are receiving now."

The plan is to release three issues of the magazine every year with the next edition due out in March.

For more information visit nickedmagazine.com.

Cobbs Brow Primary School pupils, along with headteacher, Annette Hirst and deputy, Ian Eaton, pictured with retiring cook, Sylvia McDermott. Code1074488

Sylvia hangs up her apron

A POPULAR school cook is hanging up her apron after 30 years' service – but it's not a final goodbye as she is staying on as a cleaner at the school!

Staff and pupils at Cobbs Brow Primary held a celebration assembly in honour of Sylvia McDermott who is retiring from her role in the kitchen at the school in Manfield, Ashurst.

To mark the occasion she was presented with a gift, a card and flowers.

Headteacher, Annette Hirst, said: "Although Sylvia is going to be missed in the kitchen, where she had worked a long time with Ann Hampson, we are pleased that she will be staying with us as a cleaner.

"Her food was very much appreciated and a favourite of mine was meat and potato pie, while the children really enjoyed her pizzas."

Mum's praise for advice service

A MOTHER who has two sons with Asperger's syndrome has spoken of her appreciation of the support she has received from the Disability Advice West Lancs service.

Susan Daly, from Skelmersdale, has been using the free, confidential, specialist information service for about four years. She said: "The staff there have been brilliant with me, they have really helped me look after my sons and myself.

"The service is a good thing to have in the community. The people who work there are excellent as well. I would not know what to do without it."

Based at Whelmar House, Skelmersdale, the service is a registered charity which aims to meet the information needs of disabled people and their carers. It is staffed by volunteers and provides drop–in facilities and home visits for the housebound.

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Grand gesture

STAFF at Procter and Gamble in Skelmersdale have donated £1,000 worth of toys to the Rock FM Cash for Kids charity which aims to help disabled and disadvantaged children in Lancashire.

The money was raised by workers on the shop floor at the company, which has a base at Pinfold Place in the town.

Julie Jackson, employee relations leader at Procter and Gamble, said: "I am very proud to run the Community Matters Programme at Procter and Gamble Skelmersdale and on days like this I get great job satisfaction knowing that there are lovely people working here who donate so much to local causes."

Stella Pickford, and Julie Jackson from Procter and Gamble with the toys they have donated. Also shown is a DJ from Rock FM.

Angela's shaping for a healthier future

Super slimmer sheds weight and gains confidence

Report by **Henry James**

ANGELA Garth is a shadow of her former self – and she couldn't be happier.

For the 29–year–old from Skelmersdale has shed an incredible 5st 7lb and says it's all thanks to the support she received from her local Slimming World group.

Angela had struggled with her weight for much of her life. At her heaviest she weighed 18st 6lb and had mobility problems and low self–confidence.

She tried to lose weight before but struggled as she'd be left feeling hungry and deprived, often ending up regaining any losses and more.

Then she decided to join her local Slimming World group.

She said: "I was so nervous when I first joined that I made my mum come to group with me for moral support. I needn't have worried though, everyone was so friendly and welcoming that I instantly felt at home.

"I was surprised too by how many familiar faces there were. It really is a little community, everyone is so supportive, even when you have had a bad week it's nice to be around people who genuinely want you to succeed.

"I've lost five–and–a–half stone now and I'm well on my way to my goal weight."

After starting to slim down, Angela felt confident enough to start being more active too. Now she likes to get out walking whenever she can.

Tina Whewell, Slimming World team developer says she's extremely proud of what Angela has achieved over the past year.

She said: "Angela is proof that if you make small, manageable changes the way you cook and eat and get the right support it is possible to make your New Year's resolutions a reality."

• **ABOVE: Angela before she joined her local Slimming World group**

• **RIGHT: The new, slimmer Angela after shedding five–and–a– half stone**

Camera club first show

SKELMERSDALE'S first camera club, Beacon Photographic Club, are holding their first exhibition at the ArtHouse, Eastbank Street, Southport, from January 14 to 23.

The club, which meets every two weeks, was set up last year by a group of friends with an interest in photography.

A spokesman from the group said: "We hope the public will enjoy the work that's on view and they will have the opportunity to buy some pieces of work. We also hope that it will encourage new members to join."

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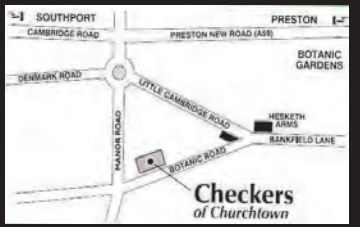

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Fall in number of Jobseeker's claimants

By **Danielle Thompson**

FIGURES released by the Department for Work and Pensions show that the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in West Lancashire has halved over the last year.

Amanda Jakeman from the Jobcentre Plus told the Champion: "There has been a huge decrease in the number of Jobseeker's claimants during the last 12 months and yearly figures, which run from January 2014 to January 2015, show that there are now 734 people claiming the allowance.

"For the 18 to 24–year–old age bracket, there are 150 claimants, which is 64% less than the year before.

"In the 25 years and older bracket there are now 584 claimants, which is a reduction of 55% from the previous year.

"I believe that this is entirely down to the fantastic work of the Jobcentre Plus staff in West Lancashire who are helping the claimants to become more skilled in IT and digital skills, as well as opening their eyes to new careers in industries that they hadn't even considered before.

"We launched the new digital job centres in West Lancashire last month and there are now nine computers for job–seekers to use, as well as free Wi–Fi so they can bring their own devices in to search for jobs.

"We are working as effectively as possible by teaming up with West Lancashire Borough Council, West Lancashire College and organisations across the borough that can help to support claimants as they make the move back into work.

"We are also running schemes designed to help claimants move into the food industry, including one called Farm to Food which is linked to the grocery industry.

"We recently had three long–term claimants who started with voluntary experience in the food industry who have now been offered full–time employment and this has substantially changed their lives."

MP backs call for pay transparency

ROSIE Cooper is supporting a move to introduce pay transparency across large companies.

The West Lancs MP voted in Parliament in favour of the measure – put forward by the Labour party – requiring companies which employ more than 250 staff to publish their own 'gender pay gap' in their annual report.

Labour MPs were joined in Parliament by Gwen Davis, Sheila Douglass, Vera Sime and Eileen Pullen – four of the original Dagenham women who went on strike for equal pay leading to the Equal Pay Act of 1970 – as well as the stars of the hit musical, Made in Dagenham, including Gemma Arterton and Isla Blair.

However the motion was defeated with Liberal Democrat and Conservative MPs failing to support it after the government indicated that it did not intend to make pay transparency the law.

Women still earn an average 81p for every pound earned by men, despite the Equal Pay Act being passed 44 years ago.

Labour has also released new analysis of official figures which show that, because of the gender pay gap, over their lifetime women earn an average £209,976 less than men.

Ms Cooper said: "This is a sad reflection of how women are still under–valued in the workplace. Everyone should be paid equally for work of equal value.

"Women in West Lancashire shouldn't have to wait another generation for equal pay. Pay transparency will shine a light on the problem and help employers to close the pay gap once and for all."

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‘Facing’ up to charity challenge

Twinkle House chief executive Jill Boardman with staff at Face for Business at their Christmas Jumper Day.

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs–based business which provides telephone–answering and call–handling services are hoping to ring all the right numbers after teaming up with a local children’s charity.

Staff at Face For Business at Martland Mill, Burscough have ‘adopted’ the Twinkle House organisation in Skelmersdale as their charity cause for 2015. Now they are hoping to raise more than £2,500, as well as raising its profile in the community.

Twinkle House, based at Gorsey Place, Gillibrands, provides free sensory–based support for youngsters with disabilities and additional needs, offering practical and emotional support to the children and their carers to improve their quality of life.

It is currently aiming to raise £200,000 through its Sparkle Appeal to fund specialist equipment and a move to bigger premises.

To celebrate the teaming–up, Twinkle House chief executive, Jill Boardman, visited the Face for Business office in Mart Lane when they held a Christmas Jumper Day. She said: “We are absolutely thrilled that Face for Business has chosen to support Twinkle House and look forward to hearing about their fundraising activities throughout 2015.

“We need to encourage more West Lancashire businesses to get on board and help raise funds as without our service, hundreds of families will be without the vital support we provide to them in their community.”

And Sara Parker, marketing officer at Face For Business, commented: “Supporting a local charity means so much to the team at Face for Business, and we hope to be able to raise the profile of the charity over the next year.”

• *To donate to the Sparkle Appeal text GROW15 plus £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070.*

Talented youngsters’ dancing feat

THIS group of talented youngsters (right) were adjudged the most improved performers at Attitudes Dance School in 2014.

The dance school, based at the Evermoor Hub at Digmoor Community Centre, Skelmersdale, has celebrated its 10th anniversary this year.

It provides tuition and training in ballet, tap dancing, jazz, contemporary dance, street dance, acrobatics, and cheerleading for students aged from two years to adults.

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The pupils from Attitudes Dance School with their awards

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Students should be encouraged and congratulated not criticised for trying to better themselves

In response to the letter headed 'Oh, woe is Edge Hill Student!' (Champion, December 31) perhaps if those people the anonymous writer talks about had been to a reputable uni then they would have better job prospects.

I find it amazing that someone can point out the negatives in someone trying to better themselves and clearly stating that the person in question isn't entitled to an opinion because he doesn't pay council tax.

Yes, people work hard, ALL people. Including the parents of those who have kids at uni.

They are straining to give their kids the best opportunity they can so they can get better options.

In a time when academic levels are shifting and a degree is seen as an absolute minimum requirement then these people should be congratulated and encouraged.

They all go on to pay taxes and some of them will pay significantly more than average over a working life – which will probably be 80 by the time they finish!

In the season of goodwill you should identify with that.

Stuart Baird,
by email

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Railway station is priority for Skem

I WOULD just like to say that when I read about the battle between two contractors over who is going to do what in Skelmersdale it really infuriates me.

What Skelmersdale urgently needs is a railway station, first and foremost.

All other considerations should take second place.

The town should be revamped around the railway station. All else should be put on hold until the station is a reality.

As for recreation needs in Skelmersdale, I do not believe that cinemas and restaurants are a priority either.

What is needed are things like a roller/ice skating rink and ten–pin bowling alley. The money should be spent on these forms of family–involved entertainment.

If the railway station is built first then people will be able to come in to Skelmersdale and enjoy family outings and entertainment, along with local residents.

Please do not put the cart before the horse and ruin the once–in–a–lifetime opportunity to make Skelmersdale what it should be – a proud town with a view to one day achieving city status.

Ron Webster,
Wolverton, Skelmersdale

Improved transport links must be first step in regeneration of town

IN my opinion the first step in Skelmersdale's regeneration should be transport to and from the town centre from within the town, followed by a train station.

The council should control the service within the town. A bus service is the obvious thought, but why not be innovative and think about monorails or trams?

Alongside this what about finishing the pedestrian system with continuous pavements, well–maintained and named and signposted in much the same way as road systems?

Maybe build some units outside the Concourse to provide restaurants, clubs, pubs, etc. to provide the night–time economy that our councillors have suddenly seen as a problem.

How about some parks, similar to Sherdley Park in St Helens or Coronation Park in Ormskirk?

The only thing that has been tried is talking and apart from providing a very good living for a lot of ineffectual people nothing has been achieved.

David Symons,
Melbreck, Skelmersdale

PICTURE of the week

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Hoping for that elusive find: Metal detectorists armed with hi–tech equipment – and a spade – combing a West Lancashire field. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1075956.

Recycling charge will encourage the fly–tippers

IF Lancashire County Council goes ahead with charging for extra recycling, does this not encourage fly–tipping?

This was seen in the national papers recently where a mile–long of rubbish was caused mainly by the authorities making a quick buck, instead of encouraging people to dump their rubbish so it can be properly processed for the sake of the environment and the population's health.

This is just like the parking attendants who are solely employed to fine people.

Stephen Bennett,
Skelmersdale

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Shocked by need for soup kitchens in 21st Century

I WENT on a lovely day out to Ulverston up near the Lakes recently when the town was hosting a fantastic Dickensian Christmas festival.

When I returned home I had received a note through the post from my plumbing suppliers mentioning that they weren't sending their clients Christmas cards this year but instead donating all the proceeds to a soup kitchen near the station in Southport.

A very noble gesture as you will probably agree but what I can't come to terms with is that it is Britain in the 21st Century for goodness sake.

I'm enjoying a Dickensian festival one weekend and then I'm getting stark reminders that we still have soup kitchens in our towns in this day and age.

The good people of Southport must feel ashamed that it has a soup kitchen, if they're aware of it, although the people who run these places must have hearts of gold.

The town generally is an affluent area and I'm left wondering at times what century I'm living in.

Call me an old softie but I hate to see people in such dire need, especially this time of year.

George Clandon,
Burscough

Caring Rosie is a rarity

THANK goodness for Rosie Cooper. She is that rarity – a really caring MP.

Her stand against animal cruelty is well known.

On the subject of CCTV in slaughterhouses, I find it hard to believe the terrible cruelty to animals. Why aren't these thugs prosecuted, as anyone else would be?

Their actions are horrific and well known – so why has nothing been done?

Sir Paul McCartney said that if the walls of slaughterhouses were made of glass, nobody would eat meat.

There are obviously those, sadly, who don't care.

Mary Morris,
Burscough (vegetarian)

Worst wishes to thief...

THIS is a message for the light–fingered person who pick–pocketed my wallet when I was in the newsagents in the Concourse.

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Breathe Easy Group chair stands down

THE West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group's annual general meeting and 13th anniversary buffet was attended by more than 50 members and invited guests, including Daphne Barton, BLF manager at the time of the group's inception, specialist respiratory nurse, Pat Fairclough and Katie Merrick from British Lung Foundation (BLF).

Also in attendance were Melanie Reardon and Ann Prescott from Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Carol McCabrey of the Central Commissioning Group and West Lancashire community matrons, Kim and Sue. Congratulations and good wishes messages were received from Dr Karen Groves of Queenscourt Hospice and local MPs, Rosie Cooper and John Pugh.

The group, which is linked to Ormskirk and Southport hospitals and to respiratory health professionals across both areas, also celebrated its 13th birthday.

Patricia Ireland from the group said: "Our group, which operates under the auspices of national charity, the British Lung Foundation, offers professional information, advice, support and friendship to patients with respiratory disease and their families and carers.

"The group, which continues to grow in membership, has achieved a great deal in its first 13 years campaigning for improved local services. Two notable successes in particular have been the setting up and support of pulmonary rehabilitation clinics in both Ormskirk and Southport and also the provision of home oxygen assessment.

"Through fundraising the group has also been able to provide DVDs, information boards and oximeters at both hospitals."

The meeting also saw founder and chairperson, Irene Norman from Up Holland standing down although she has been persuaded to stay on as vice–chair for 12 months to support new chairman, Harry Thacker. After that she will remain an active member of the group and was pleased to accept the title of honorary president.

Chair and founder of West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group, Irene Norman who is standing down but will remain an active member and honorary president

• Katie Merrick will be guest speaker at the group's next meeting to be held on Monday, January 19 at the Girl Guide HQ at Green Lane, Ormskirk, starting at 11.15am.

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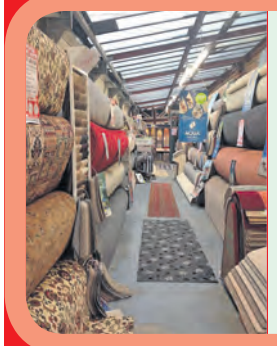

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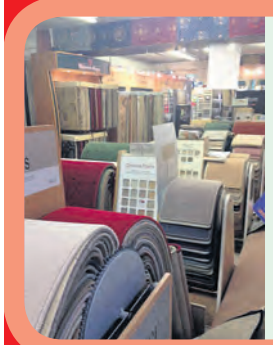

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Help is at hand in battle to quit smoking and cut back on booze

COUNTY council chiefs are urging people aiming to stop smoking or cut back their alcohol consumption as part of their New Year resolutions for 2015 to seek expert help.

Almost 20% of Lancashire's population smokes and two–thirds of those want to quit.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashirel's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Stopping smoking in 2015 will be a goal for many people across the county.

"The best way to do this is to call our free stop smoking services.

"They are run by trained medical staff who will give you all the advice you need to quit, as well as free medicines to keep the nicotine cravings at bay. You are four times more likely to quit with the support of these services."

People who want to quit smoking can call the East, Central and West Lancashire Stop Smoking Service on 0800 328 6297, or the North Lancashire Stop Smoking service on 01524 845145.

Lancashire County Council is also supporting Dry January, the national campaign run by Alcohol Concern.

Around 20% of Lancashire's population are considered to be at an increased risk of damaging their health because of their alcohol consumption.

Dry January encourages people to give their body a break following Christmas and the party season by not drinking alcohol in January.

In 2014, more than 17,000 people took part in Dry January with 80% saying they had cut down on the amount they drink for the rest of the year.

County Councillor Ali added: "Many people drink a lot more over Christmas and New Year.

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Theatre group in plea for funds to stage charity tour

A THEATRE company based in Lancashire are hoping to 'crowd–fund' enough money to put on a tour to enable them to fundraise for food banks across the North West.

The Front Row Theatre Company are hoping to raise £1,500 to take their production, Food For Thought on tour across the North West, including a performance at the Ormskirk Civic Hall on Wednesday, February 11.

Food For Thought tells the story of a food bank, focusing on the lives of its volunteers and clients. The play was inspired by the work of The Trussell Trust, the UK's leading national food bank charity. Any profits from the tour will be donated to the charity.

The Front Row Theatre Company received part funding from Arts Council England but need to raise the remaining £1,500 ahead of the tour and are using 'crowd–funding' website Sponsume.com to appeal for donations.

Crowd–funding is a way of raising finance by asking a large number of people each for a small amount of money.

Mike Coombes, director at the Front Row Theatre Company, said: "Food Poverty in the UK is a growing problem, with over 900,000 people visiting Food banks last year alone. We want to raise awareness of this and have decided to devise a theatre performance set in a food bank and focusing on the lives of its volunteer and clients. We will be touring community centres and theatre spaces near food banks."

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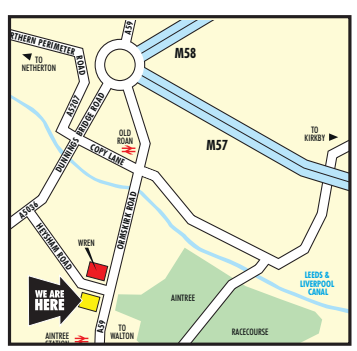

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Watchdogs sniff out phoney goods

COUNCIL watchdogs have been cracking down on the sale of counterfeit goods at work over the festive period.

Lancashire's Trading Standards Service, with support from the Intellectual Property Office (IPO), launched the 'Keeping It Real' campaign which saw officers work in partnership with local businesses. It follows a report by the IP Crime Group which identified factories and industrial units and other workplaces as being in the top 11 intellectual property crime locations.

County council grant funding available for creative businesses

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is looking to support creative and digital businesses in a bid to create new jobs.

People who are looking to grow their business, could turn to the county council's Rosebud Micro finance.

The creative and digital sector has been identified by the county council as having high–growth potential.

County Councillor Niki Penney, chair of Lancashire County Developments Ltd (LCDL) and member of the Creative Lancashire board, said: "Creative ideas are often untested, which can make it harder to get the funding you need to support your business. Rosebud recognises the crucial role that creativity and innovation can play in driving the economy. We have sector–specialists who can offer support and advice, which helps to flag up opportunities for your business.

"Finance from Rosebud Micro could be the answer to unlocking new funding for your business, as it can be matched with other finance and used to help to attract other sources."

Through Rosebud Micro, companies in Lancashire could get from £10,000 to £49,000 to support their plans. Rosebud Micro is accessed through Access2Finance on behalf of LCDL, the county council's economic development department.

Cllr. Penney continued: "Rosebud Micro can be used to support your business, whether it's to develop a new product, for new equipment, recruitment or to help open up new markets.

"As well as funding your growth ideas, Rosebud Micro also includes free support and advice that's tailored to the needs of your business. You'll get hands–on support, including half–yearly meetings with sector specialists, which we know was valued by businesses we've already helped."

Rosebud Micro is aimed at growing business in key high–growth sectors including creative and digital; finance and professional; energy and environment; aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

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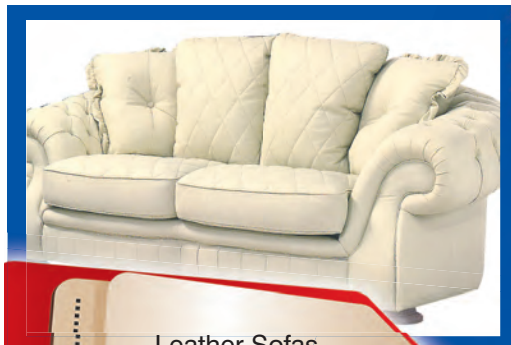

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New leader for county's adult learning services

A NEW leader for adult learning services in Lancashire has been appointed following a poor Ofsted report.

Lancashire County Council has brought in Amanda Melton, principal of Nelson and Colne College, one of the county's outstanding colleges, to strengthen the management of Lancashire Adult Learning (LAL).

The appointment is part of a detailed action plan to address issues raised by Ofsted's inspectors following their assessment of LAL, which provides a wide variety of courses at locations across the county.

Tony Martin, cabinet member for adult and community services at the county council, said: "Amanda's appointment as interim principal is a sign of our commitment to implementing a comprehensive action plan that will pick up everything the inspectors said needed to improve."

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Closing HMRC office left me with a taxing problem

PROBABLY unusually I have for years had nothing but praise for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (in so far as the old Inland Revenue department goes anyway).

Ever since I started working as a freelance journalist nearly entirely on local papers and for the past decade and more the Champion, I have had difficulty as a bear of small brain, in filling in my 'self employed' tax return.

I puzzled over the form's myriad of sections about my staff (?), office premises (?), projected outcomes, profits, deminimus and maximus (I thought they were cartoon mice) etc etc.

I tried somehow to answer the unanswerable – and then one year got a whopping fine for not completing my tax return in time.

Which was not strictly true. I had completed it and sent it – only for it to be sent back because it hadn't been filled in correctly.

Anyway, the upshot was that I trundled down to Regian House in Liverpool (the home of the Inland Revenue people), got to see an advisor – and my troubles were over!

A charming woman listened to my tale of woe, got a new form – and filled in the bits that were all I needed to fill (leaving section after section severely alone).

She said my problem was that I was basically trying too hard. And she photocopied the now satisfactorily completed form so that, with adjustments for any change in income, I would get it right in the future.

And her kindness paid dividends for several years – until my brother died and my personal financial position changed completely.

It was only when I decided it would be a good idea to pay Regian House another visit that I found that all the Inland Revenue public offices had been permanently closed, presumably to save money.

I was devastated! The notice on the door said I should contact www. Something or other – which being computer illiterate I could not.

There was also a phone number though for a 'help line' – and after a quite frustrating battle trying actually to get through (including an odd 'voice recognition' system which appeared not to understand colloquial English) did eventually get to talk to yet another extremely helpful and understanding woman.

She talked me through the form – and assured me she would phone me back to tell me (hopefully) that the form had arrived in time. And, she did too. Which sent my estimation of human nature up several notches.

But in my newspaper there was a story revealing that more than a third of all calls to HMRC are not answered – and that the organisation is now recommending 'customers' to tweet their problems (perhaps in the belief that a problem shared is a problem halved).

But the story didn't mention the effect the closure of their public counters may have had on the number of desperate phone calls that folk are now attempting to make.

It may be that in this electronic age people cannot be bothered actually to take the time to meet an advisor face–to–face. If so it is their loss – but more importantly mine too!

I confess I am dreading trying to fill in this year's tax return.

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Smoking ban on care trust premises

Health group aims to set good example

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust is aiming to set a good example by going completely smoke–free on all their premises in the New Year.

From Monday (January 5) the trust, who provide mental health and community services, will be implementing a new Nicotine Management Policy. Under this, smoking, including the use of any tobacco products or e–cigarettes, will not be allowed anywhere on trust premises.

Support is available for current smokers and e–cigarette users from the Quit Squad, the trust's stop smoking service. The team are on hand to provide friendly advice for anyone who would like to quit smoking for good.

Smoking is recognised as the single largest cause of premature death and preventable ill health in England and one in two long–term smokers die prematurely as a result of smoking.

People who experience a mental health problem have a reduced life expectancy of around 10 to 20 years and 70% of these deaths were as a result of smoking–related illness.

Professor Max Marshall, medical director at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We believe it is important that anyone who visits one of our sites, whether to work, to access our services or to visit a family or friend, has the right to a healthy and smoke–free environment.

"We are all aware of the health risks created by smoking, including heart disease, stroke and some cancers. However, a lot of people are not familiar with the risks associated with second–hand smoke. This contains more than 4,500 chemicals, many of which are irritants and toxins, including around 50 chemicals which are known to cause cancer.

"As a trust we recognise it can be difficult to stop smoking and we are making sure there is support available to anyone who wishes to quit for good.

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Police commissioner slams 'unacceptable' budget cuts

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has slammed government cuts to the county's policing budget in the latest Home Office grant announcement.

He said: "The announcement means an additional £3.2m of cuts to our funding than initially indicated by government in the settlement last year. We are also having to bid for extra cash from the Innovation Fund – but this is money that has been top sliced from our own budgets already. It doesn't make sense.

"We were preparing for £19m of cuts by 2017/18 but now it's going to be much more. At the end of the day it is the people of Lancashire who will see dramatic changes to the way local policing is provided in the future.

"The Chief Constable and his team have managed the cuts well. Now they are going to have to find even more savings which is quite unacceptable."

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Appeal for more to sign up to Organ Donor Register

Report by **Henry James**

WHILE residents throughout Lancashire were looking forward to spending Christmas with their loved ones and exchanging gifts, more than 170 people in the county were hoping for a very special gift.

A total of 173 in Lancashire are on the waiting list for an organ transplant and the NHS Blood and Transplant authority launched a Christmas List campaign to draw attention to the thousands of people who are waiting for a transplant across the UK and to encourage everyone to join the NHS Organ Donor Register.

Sadly, not all of those waiting will get the transplant they need. New figures show 10 patients in Lancashire have died while on the transplant waiting list this year.

Others have been more fortunate and were able to celebrate Christmas looking ahead to a brighter future with 111 patients in Lancashire receiving a transplant already this year, thanks to families agreeing to donate a loved one's organs.

Through its Christmas List campaign, NHS Blood and Transplant highlighted the stories of patients waiting for a transplant and those who have received them, donor families, and nurses who support families when they donate a loved one's organs.

Christmas can be a difficult time for people on the transplant waiting list. Their condition may mean they are too sick to enjoy it and many will worry it could be their last Christmas.

Sally Johnson, director of Organ Donation and Transplantation, said: "Every year thousands of patients on the waiting list in Lancashire and around the country have a Christmas clouded with anxiety and uncertainty.

"Some severely ill people might spend the whole of Christmas in hospital, just hoping they get a life–saving transplant. While for others, their condition may mean they can't enjoy Christmas traditions like the rest of us. For example, people waiting for a kidney transplant may not be able to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner because eating the wrong food may make them more unwell.

"Quite simply, there is a shortage of donated organs but if more families agreed to donate a loved one's organs, more people would get the transplants they need.

"So please take a few minutes to sign the Organ Donor Register and tell your family you'd be proud to become a donor. By telling those closest to you that you want to donate you will remove the burden of them having to guess what you would have wanted at a difficult time."

Swan–spotting by floodlight

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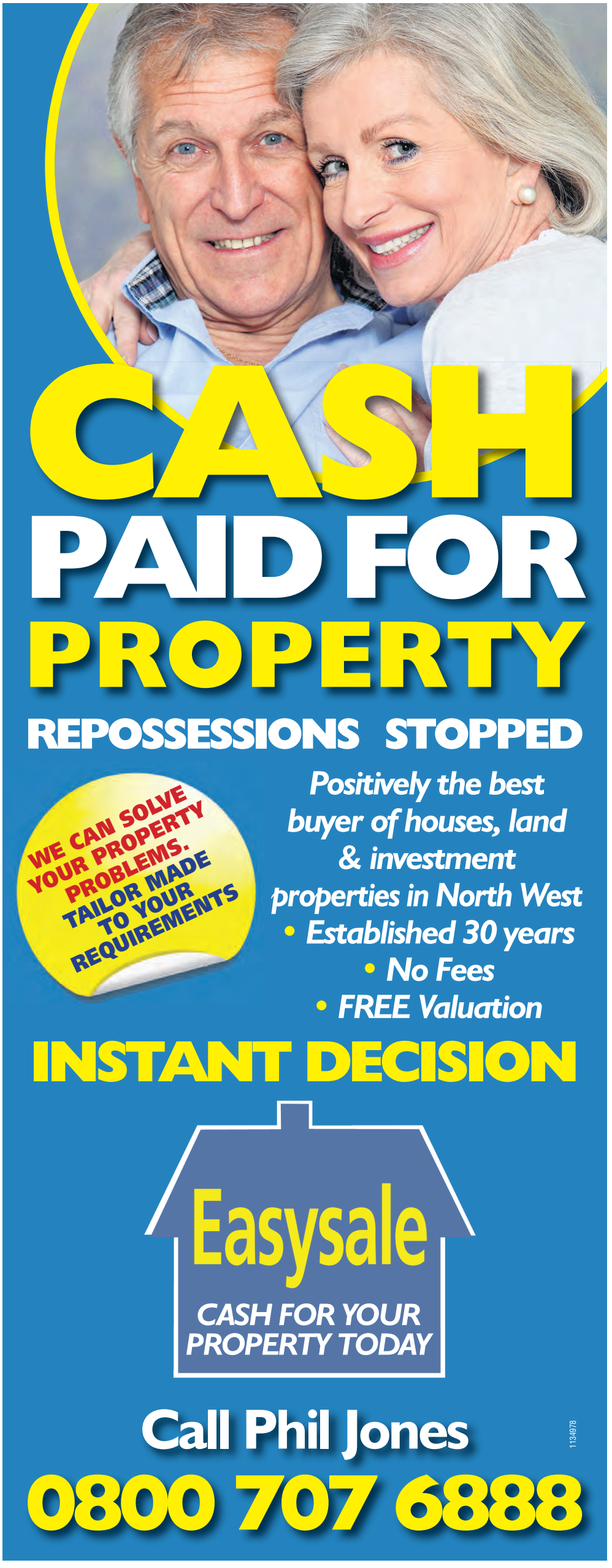

Care home group enjoy girls day out

RESIDENTS from a care home in Aughton enjoyed a 'girls day out' in Southport – courtesy of Debenhams department store.

The ladies from the Hillcroft care and dementia home on Long Lane were given a massage and make–over at the store on Lord Street.

Events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "Our ladies said the day made them feel like celebrities and after having a lovely pampering they enjoyed homemade mince pies, teas and coffees in the restaurant and also received gift bags with an assortment of creams and lipsticks.

"We would like to say a huge thank–you to the Debenhams team for making the day so memorable."

County chiefs hail benefits of 'healthy' reading scheme

Report by **Louisa Austin**

THE first year of a pioneering scheme has seen nearly 11,500 people throughout Lancashire borrow library books to help improve their health and wellbeing.

The scheme, Reading Well Books on Prescription, is run nationally by The Reading Agency and the Society of Chief Librarians, and supported locally by Lancashire County Council's library service.

Under the scheme, 30 self–help books are available in each of the county's 74 libraries.

The books can be recommended by GPs and other health professionals to help treat mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression or a phobia.

Alternatively, people can simply find the books in the self–help section of their local library or search the online catalogue if they know the title or author.

A recent national survey showed that nearly everyone who had borrowed a book from the list of 30 titles said it had been beneficial.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone Code NA

In addition, nearly three–quarters found their book had helped them understand more about their condition and feel more confident about managing their symptoms.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "I'm very encouraged by the success of this scheme, which is yet another example of how our libraries are bringing real benefits to the communities they serve.

"Around a quarter of the population will experience some form of mental health condition in the course of a year, and it's good to know that these self–help books are proving so effective in helping people to manage their symptoms and get on with their lives.

"Readers will also be pleased to know that all of the books are recognised by health professionals and meet National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines."

Following the success of Reading Well Books on Prescription, a new national dementia scheme will be launched in libraries this month.

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TV wrestling stars set to feature at civic hall

TELEVISED professional wrestling is set to come to Ormskirk.

The NGW show at the civic hall on Friday, February 6 will feature some of the country's top wrestling talent, including 24–year–old Jack Rea – who has appeared on flagship WWE shows Raw and Smackdown – and the first–ever undisputed NGW heavyweight champion, Rampage Brown.

NGW is regularly featured on the Bay TV Liverpool station and on Challenge.

Jack, who has also recently completed a two–month tour of China, said: "The civic hall has seen a lot of wrestling in the past but nothing like what we will be bringing to town.

"For the first time a TV wrestling product stacked with the country's top professionals is set to wow the local crowd."

Don't leave it too late to ask for help

Charity's message to small business owners

STRUGGLING small businesses in West Lancs are being urged not to leave it too late to seek help after it was revealed that 430 businesses closed in the borough last year.

The Money Advice Trust charity, which runs Business Debtline, a free debt advice service for small business owners and sole traders in the UK, says that many are leaving it too late to seek advice.

According to the Office of National Statistics, there were 4,920 business de–registrations in Lancashire last year, including 430 in West Lancashire.

In the same year, 6,495 new businesses were registered, 500 of them in West Lancashire. But the Money Advice Trust has revealed that around one in four new businesses in the county don't make it to a second year.

Last year the service helped around 40,000 people with business–related debts, with 54 per cent of callers able to overcome their immediate problems and continue to trade.

Joanna Elson

Joanna Elson, chief executive of the Money Advice Trust, said: "Small businesses are the lifeblood of the economy in Lancashire and across the UK as a whole. With more and more people becoming self–employed, the need for free, independent advice to help small business owners who fall into financial difficulty has never been greater.

"I would urge any small business owner who is struggling to cope with debt to seek free advice from Business Debtline as soon as possible. Our expert advisers – many of whom have experience of running small businesses themselves – are on hand to give the help and support businesses need to get back on their feet and continue trading."

Meanwhile, Business Debtline has issued the following guidelines on dealing with debt:

• Do not ignore the problem.
• Ensure you are claiming all the benefits and tax credits you are entitled to.
• Deal with priority debts, which have the worst sanctions if you do not pay them, first.
• Stay in contact with your creditors.
• Check to see if you have any Payment Protection Insurance.
• Work out your budget and stick to it.
• Never offer more money than you can afford.
• Treat all your creditors fairly.
• Persevere with your offers and stick to your guns, start paying what you have offered or keep the money aside so you can offer a lump sum at a later date.
• Think carefully before taking out further credit to clear your debts.
• Keep copies of all paperwork, letters and receipts.

Troubled families 'turned around'

THE lives of more than 1,250 families in the county have been 'turned around' during the last year thanks to the government's Troubled Families programme.

According to statistics released by the Department for Communities and Local Government, the programme has helped change the lives of nearly 15,000 households in the North West by the end of October – 1,251 of them in Lancashire.

Troubled families are defined as those who are involved in youth crime or anti–social behaviour; have children excluded from school or regularly truanting; have an adult on out–of–work benefits; or cost the public sector large sums in responding to their problems.

Turning them around means getting children back into school; cutting crime and anti–social behaviour and getting adults into work.

Meeting withTV star rounds off good year for slimming gurus

Report by **Henry James**

TWO slimming consultants from West Lancashire were excited to rub shoulders with singer and TV presenter, Peter Andre at a recent awards event.

Tina Whewell and Sue Alt were thrilled to get a chance to cuddle up to Peter when he co–hosted the Slimming World Awards with the organisation's chair and founder, Margaret Miles–Bramwell.

Sue, who runs Slimming World groups at the Ashurst Centre, Skemersdale and O' Briens Tea Rooms, Ormskirk, said meeting the singer rounded off a great 12 months.

She said: "I'm so proud of all our members. They've lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2014 with many of them reaching their target weights and improving their health substantially.

"Meeting Peter was a real treat – he was such a nice guy – and a great way to celebrate all of that.

Two–time celebrity dad–of–the–year Peter, who presents Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover, said he was delighted to meet Sue and Tina at the event, held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

Sue and Tina with Peter Andre

Tina, who runs a weekly Slimming World group at Ormskirk Rugby Club, hopes even more people will benefit from making healthy lifestyle changes this New Year.

She said: "Getting off to a great start is really important when embarking on a slimming plan. Seeing results on the scales and feeling lighter and brighter will motivate people to keep going and achieve their goals."

School places deadline reminder

PARENTS in Lancashire have only got a week left to apply for a place for their child at their chosen primary school.

Lancashire County Council is reminding parents that they need to submit an application form for all children starting school, even if the child already has an older sibling at their preferred school.

The closing date for primary school place applications is Thursday, January 15.

For more information, or to go to www.lancashire.gov.uk.

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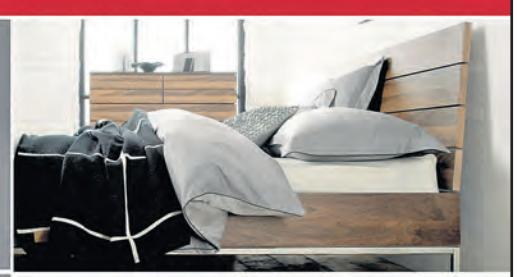

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Take the stress out of holiday shopping

January sees the busiest time of the year for travel agents, with customers planning and booking where to go on holiday during the year ahead. One local businessman aims to take away the hassle of searching the internet or queuing for hours in shops by offering his clients a new, personal approach to booking travel.

David Ashworth joined award-winning travel company Travel Counsellors in March 2011. After managing several shops for a national company, David decided to set up his own travel franchise.

"Having worked in the travel industry for over 27 years my knowledge of holiday destinations is vast. As a Personal Travel Counsellor, I'm able to find my clients their perfect holiday; from a relaxing beach destination to a bustling city break, or from cruising to a ski holiday. I can also arrange many travel extras to help make a holiday even more special, including airport lounge passes and attraction tickets.

"I offer the ultimate customer service experience that you've always deserved. I take care of my customers' holidays from the initial booking to the coming back stage – a truly personal service! Plus with Travel Counsellors all your travel arrangements are financially protected to give you complete peace of mind."

As well as leisure holidays David also specialises in Corporate Travel Management where he is dedicated to helping local and national business achieve their business goals around the world.

"At the heart of Travel Counsellors is the belief that a personal consultative approach is the foundation of good business travel management," David adds. "While a call centre environment may suit other companies, it is not part of my vision. My approach is to work closely with my clients, providing one dedicated point of contact so that my response is always personal, intuitive and effective. It's this level of personal service that differentiates me from other travel management companies. I always go the extra mile to meet my clients' needs, creating imaginative and efficient business travel solutions, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

To help achieve these goals, David attends his local BNI group in Formby on a weekly basis.

"Starting a new business from scratch was quite daunting, I was advised to look at joining networking groups and in April 2011 I joined BNI. With the help and support from my colleagues in BNI my business went from strength to strength – and I'm looking forward to more success in 2015!"

For more information please call David on 01704 877893.

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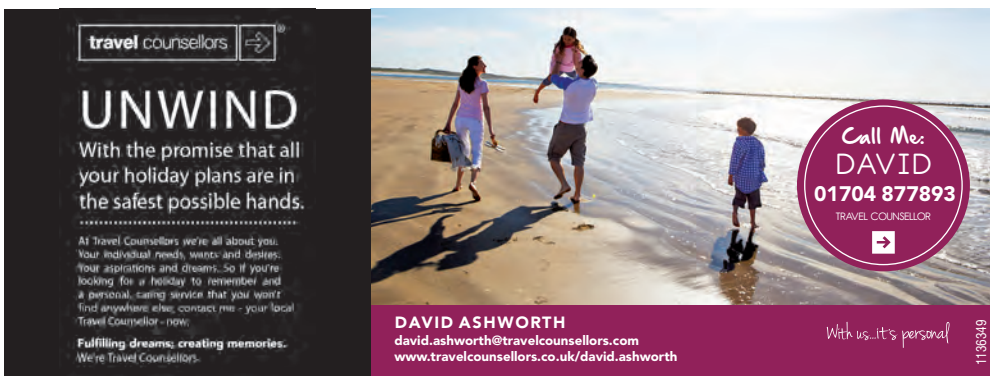
If you are interested in joining BNI please call Steve on 07774199505.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Festive trees help stop coastal erosion

THE Champion is doing its bit to protect the environment by helping to protect against coastal dune erosion.

Following an appeal by the National Trust team at Formby for discarded Christmas trees, we were only too happy to donate our own office tree to help prevent erosion of the sand dunes along this important stretch of the North West coast.

The tree was handed over to rangers who will now plant it along the coastline.

Also among the donations this year will be two loads of trees from retailer Homebase which is continuing a tradition of taking along its unsold trees for recycling.

The trees will be used to create brushwood fencing by placing them in rows where the dunes are most vulnerable. The aim is to slow down and catch sand to help build up the dunes. In the coming months, the trees will gradually be buried, helping to hold the dunes together.

Andrew Brockbank, countryside manager for the National Trust at Formby, said: " Our dunes are under constant pressure from the forces of wind and tide, and are actively building and moving inland as the coastline retreats at a rate of around four metres a year. We are trying to slow the sand as it blows across the dunes and these trees make an excellent material for building these brushwood fences to effectively trap sand in the dunes. The mobile dunes are a natural sea defence which help to buffer high tides and storm surges."

Most people are familiar with Formby's red squirrels but the dunes are also home to other rare and endangered wildlife – including the Natterjack Toad and the Northern Dune Tiger Beetle which can only be found at two sites in the whole of Britain, the other being the West Cumbrian coast.

Champ reporter Ollie Cowan delivers the office Christmas tree to Formby woods

Andrew added: "We are delighted that Homebase has decided to yet again donate trees to us. This means that, with the help of our volunteers, we can create lots of new brushwood fences and help slow the erosion's progress. If you have some time to spare, please come and help us with this vital conservation work.

"You can bring your Christmas tree to our drop–off point at the National Trust beach car park at the end of Victoria Road, Formby between 9am and 4pm or if you want to get more involved you can come along and plant your own tree at one of our 'Recycle your Christmas Tree' events on Sundays January 11 and 18 between 1 and 3pm.

"Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring a tough pair of gloves."

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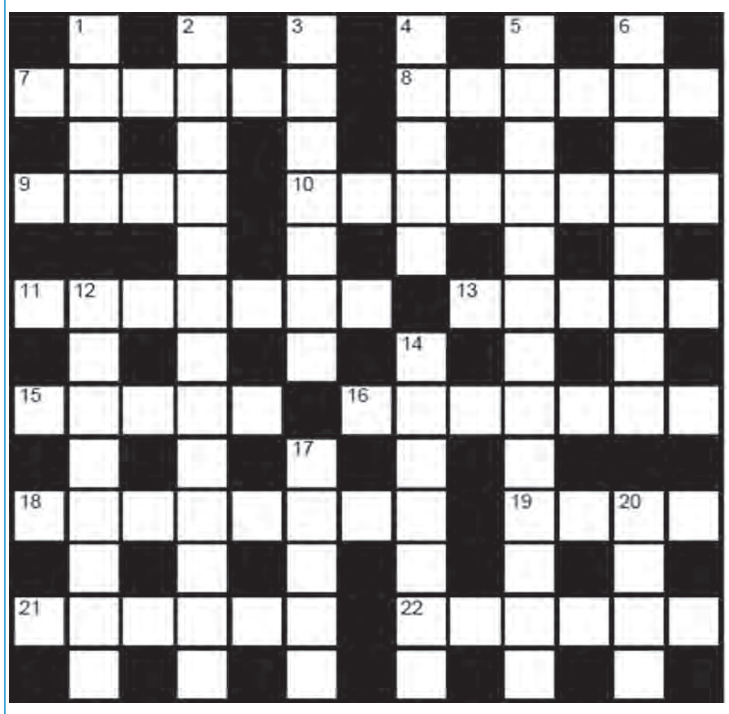

ACROSS

7 Public room (6)
8 Sharp tasting or sour (6)
9 Fete (4)
10 Unable to relax (8)
11 Embargo, sanction (7)
13 Dark-brown colour (5)
15 Woven or felted material made from wool, cotton or similar fibre (5)
16 Period when water flows away from the shore (7)
18 Unit of electrical power (8)
19 Coagulate, congeal (4)
21 Small and dainty (6)
22 Sloping typeface used for emphasis or distinction (6)

DOWN

1 Informal term for slightly mad (4)
2 Part of the Christian Church with the Pope as its head (5,8)
3 Ungrateful person (7)
4 To bring about (5)
5 Container for official mail to or from an Embassy (10,3)
6 A plane's rate of movement (8)
12 Type of central heating (3-5)
14 Restrain from doing (7)
17 Situated at (5)
20 Spiced stew from Spain or Portugal (4)

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Annual Edge Hill 'war of words' launched

Authors set to battle for £5,000 short story prize

AUTHORS will be battling it out to win a £5,000 prize after entries opened for the 2015 Edge Hill Short Story Prize.

The search is on to find the winning author of a published short story collection, the only such award for a whole collection from a British or Irish author in the UK.

The prize has three categories:

• The main literary award of £5,000. A panel of judges will choose the winner from a short–list of five collections to be announced in May.

• The £1,000 Readers' Choice, chosen from the same short–list.

• A student prize, which will reward one of the stars of Edge Hill University's MA Creative Writing course.

Last year's winner was John Burnside with his collection Something Like Happy (Jonathan Cape).

All awards will be presented at a prize–giving ceremony at the Free Word Centre in London in July 2015.

Last year's winner John Burnside.

Prize co–ordinator, Dr Ailsa Cox, reader in creative writing and English at Edge Hill University, said: "Each year the competition grows stronger and more intense as more publishers recognise the significance of this unique award for the short story.

"The award is now in its ninth year and I'm sure we'll continue to attract a wide range of high–quality writing from across the British Isles."

Publishers are invited to submit collections for consideration up to the closing date of March 2. Collections must be published during 2014 and self–published collections are not eligible.

Three copies of each published collection must be submitted to Christine Riaz, English & History Department, Edge Hill University, St Helens Rd., Ormskirk, L39 4QP.

These must include the email, phone number and postal address for the publisher's representative.

For more information about the prize, visit the website www.edgehill.ac.uk/shortstory or ring 01695 584121.

Antenatal teacher welcomes report in favour of home births

A LOCAL antenatal teacher has welcomed a report which recommends more births at home or in midwife–led units.

Nina Killen, who teaches antenatal classes in West Lancashire, praised the guidance released by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence following a study of 64,000 low–risk UK births.

The 37–year–old, who is also a Sefton borough councillor and a member of the authority's maternity services liaison committee, hopes the report will lead to a new midwife–led unit.

Mum–of–three Nina said: "Birth in the UK has been shown to be very safe wherever you give birth – but birth outside hospital for women with straightforward pregnancies makes sense. I am delighted by this new guidance and I hope it results in a midwife–led unit that will be available for all women in West Lancs and Sefton.

"There was a midwife–led unit at Southport hospital but it was closed. I would welcome this re–opening, but I would also support a unit at Ormskirk where I believe it may be more widely used due to its proximity to the hospital.

"The evidence shows that if you have a hospital birth during a straightforward pregnancy you are more likely to need your labour speeded up, more likely to need pain relief, your baby is more likely to get into distress, you are more likely to need a forceps or ventouse delivery and you are more likely to have a caesarean section.

"That is why this guidance is recommending that low–risk women are safer at home or midwife–led units. Yes, these measures may save money as well, but that is a good thing when our NHS is so stretched."

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Karate club's silver milestone

MEMBERS of a local martial arts club have clocked up a notable milestone.

The Ormskirk Shotokan Karate Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of the club at their base at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road.

Coach John Errington said: "The club was founded by Steve Kirrelly and myself at the former Crosshall High School. We are committed to long–term sustainable training and over the years we have seen many students achieve black belt status. We attend karate courses both in the UK and abroad, training with many world renowned instructors.

"We practice traditional shotokan karate, which is suitable for all ages, male and female. It promotes fitness and flexibility and overall good health and adult beginners are always welcome.

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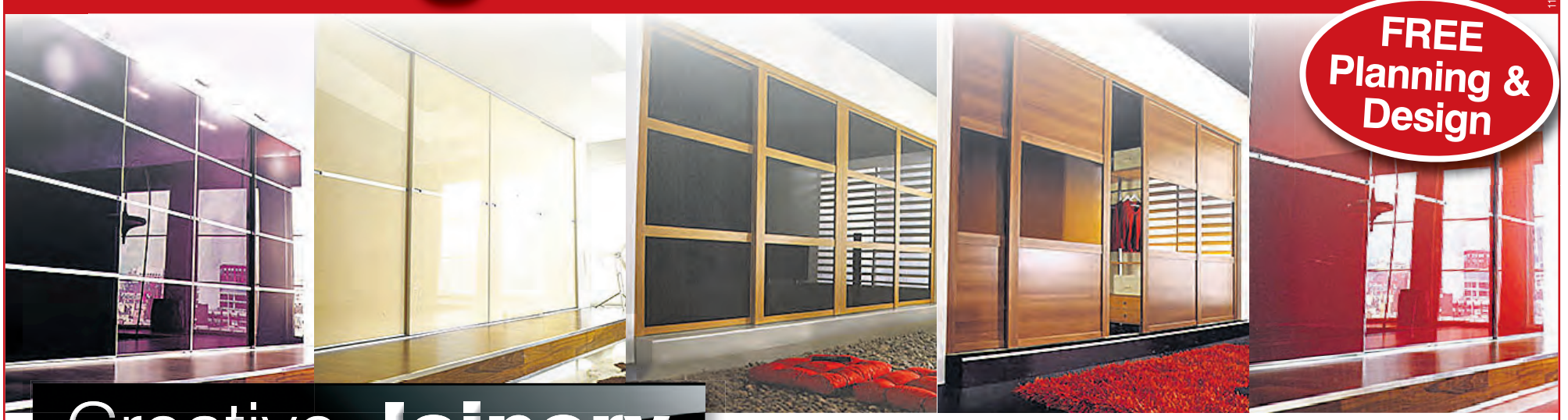

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Southport Spotlights in rehearsal for show

THE Southport Spotlights cast are in rehearsal for their show Eurobeat – Almost Eurovision, which is on from February 17 to 21 at Greenbank Theatre, Greenbank School, Hastings Road, Birkdale.

Southport Spotlights have recently received 14 award nominations for their last two shows.

Eurobeat aims to be a performance experience like no other. It's an interactive party atmosphere as soon as you come into the theatre.

Andy Steel from Southport Spotlights said: "Even if Eurovision is not your usual viewing choice, you'll still love the send up of all the clichés, costumes, pasted–on smiles and cultural stereotypes that are part of the competition. If you love the event, then you'll be immersed in the whole razzle dazzle of the production, realising it's all just a great night out with sequins on!

"You will be whisked across Europe to Sarajevo where you will be greeted by hosts, Boyka and Sergei. They will take you on a spectacular Eurovision journey where ten countries will compete for your votes to be crowned Eurovision Champions.

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Packed programme of films at Picture House

PARBOLD Picture House has released details of the films and shows they will be streaming over the next few months.

Pride is to be shown this Saturday (January 11) at 7pm. This film is directed by Matthew Warchus and stars Imelda Staunton, Andrew Scott and Bill Nighy. The film is a true story of how a group of lesbian and gay activists joined forces with a small Welsh mining community in 1984, supporting them during their darkest hour.

There is to be a Front Row National Theatre NT Live streaming of Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson on Thursday, January 22 at 7pm. The production adapted by Bryony Lavery is a classic tale of murder, money and mutiny brought to life in a new stage adaptation with an ensemble including Arthur Darvil (Dr Who) as Long John Silver and Patsy Ferran as Jim.

On Sunday, January 25 Two Days and One Night is to be shown at 7pm. It is directed Jean–Pierre and Luc Dardenne and stars Marion Cotillard, and Fabrizio Rongione. This film is about a group of workers who are offered a choice from upper management: vote for Sandra to keep her job, or lose their bonus. In the film Sandra does not have much time to make her case.

Boyhood can be seen on Sunday, February 8 at 7pm. The film is directed by Richard Linklater and stars Ethan Hawke, Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane. This movie was filmed over 12 years with the same cast and is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child. The film has been described as a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an ode to growing up and parenting.

The Front Row National Theatre NT Live streaming of Behind the Beautiful Forevers can be seen on Thursday, March 12 at 7pm. This is a new play by David Hare based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book by Katherine Boo. The production is about the unheard story of India's garbage workers who live in the slum behind Mumbai Airport.

Manchester Royal Exchange's production of Hamlet by William Shakespeare and starring Maxine Peake is to be shown on Tuesday, March 24. The Front Row presentation can be seen at 7pm.

There is to be a Front Row National Theatre NT Live presentation of The Hard Problem, a new play by Tom Stoppard, on Thursday, April 16. It is directed by Nicholas Hytner (Othello) and starts at 7pm. The production is about psychological researcher Hilary, who has a "hard problem," if everything in the universe is made of matter, then what is consciousness?

On Thursday, May 14 at 7pm there is to be a Front Row National Theatre NT Live streaming of Man and Superman by George Bernard Shaw. It stars academy award winner and nominee Ralph Fiennes (Schindler's List, The English Patient and Coriolanus).

Maxine Peake **Code NA**

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Producers of musical promising double the X Factor and double the fun

THE producers of a show coming to Southport Theatre are promising double the X Factor and double the fun this February.

Marcus Collins joins fellow X–contestant Lloyd Daniels for 2015 in Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Marcus will play the role of narrator alongside Lloyd's Joseph for the tour which arrives at Southport Theatre from Tuesday 24 to Saturday, February 28.

Marcus, who was mentored by Take That star Gary Barlow, finished as runner–up on The X Factor 2011, pipped to the post by winners Little Mix. But despite just missing out on the top spot, he went on to have chart success with a Top Ten self–titled debut album, and a hit single; a cover of The White Stripes hit Seven Nation Army.

Stage success also beckoned and in 2013 he joined the cast of Hairspray playing the role of Seaweed Stubbs. And then back in the studio under a new record label for his second album.

He's recently been on a world tour performing in The West End Men, and played 14 sold–out shows. Marcus also had the honour of being invited by the British Consulate and Chinese Embassy to perform at a special gala at the end of the tour, following in the footsteps of other top Brit artists including Adele.

Joseph coming to theatre. Matt Lapinskas as Pharaoh and Lloyd Daniels as Joseph . Photo by Darren Bell **Code NA**

After a successful 2014 UK tour with his musical theatre debut, Lloyd Daniels reprises his role as Joseph for the 2015 tour. Lloyd became the X Factor's youngest contestant in the 2009 series and got to the final five out of 250,000 contestants to perform in front of 10 million TV viewers. Since then he has performed to sold–out arenas on a 56 date X Factor tour and released popular single Suburbian Girl.

The show also sees the welcome return of Matt Lapinskas who will be donning his Elvis outfit once more to reprise the role of the Pharaoh. Best known for playing Anthony Moon in BBC EastEnders, Matt was also runner up in the penultimate series of Dancing on Ice. He joined the Joseph cast in 2014 for the UK, making his first musical theatre role.

This colourful retelling of the biblical story about Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours sings out to young and old alike with a score which is crammed with hits – including Jacob and Sons, Close Every Door and Any Dream Will Do.

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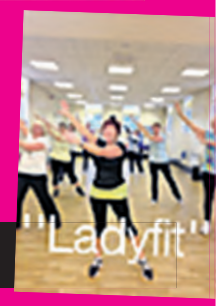

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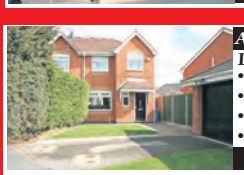

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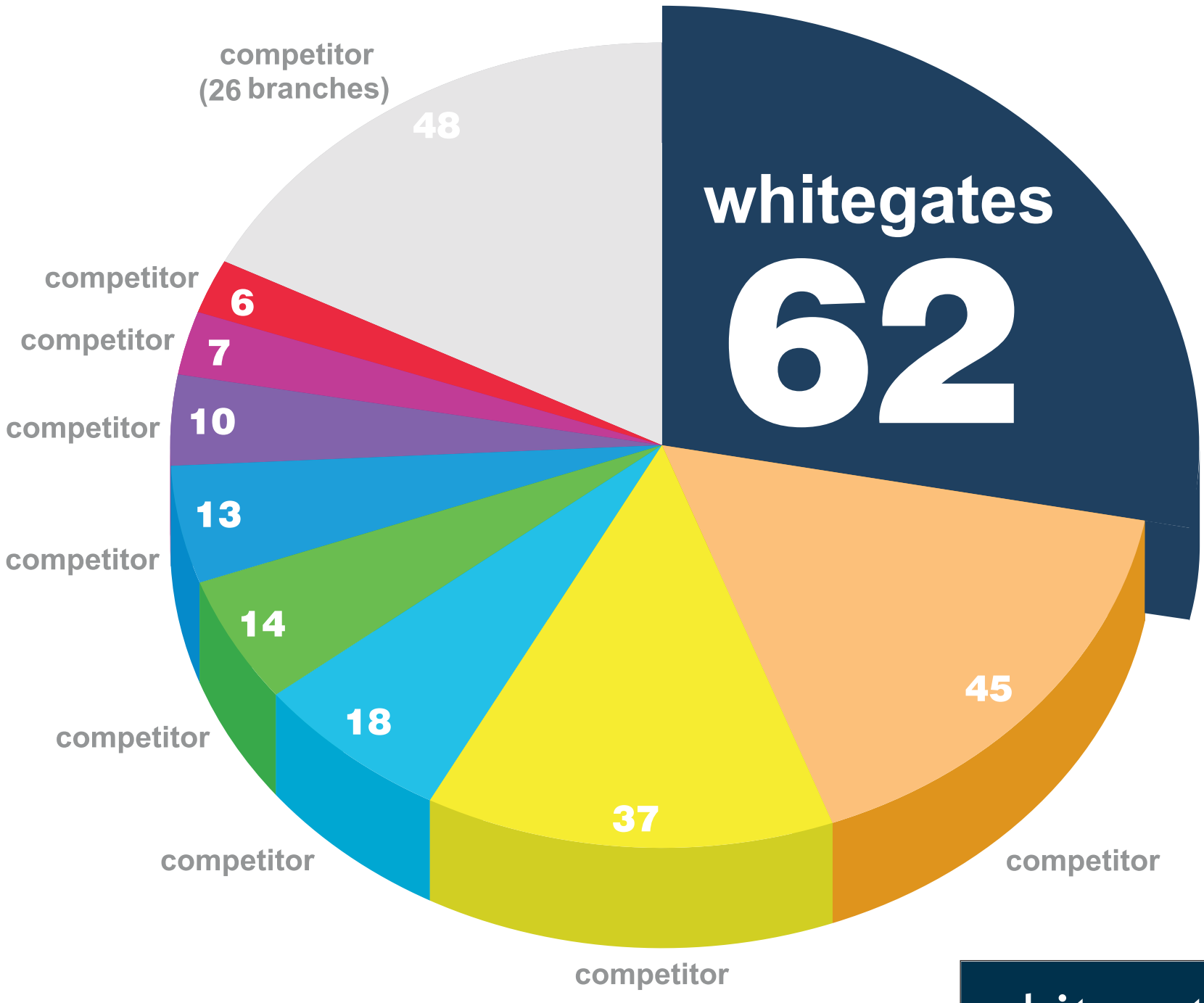

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(THE WHOLE OF LANCASHIRE)
(REVOCATION AND DESIGNATION OF ON STREET PARKING CHARGES) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 45 and 46 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to consolidate all existing on street parking charges (including permit parking) within Lancashire.

1. Revoke the whole of the "City Council Of Lancaster (Parking Permits And Charges) Order 2004".

2. The parking charges are set out below:

On Street Pay and Display (Preston and Lancaster)

District	Road name	On-Street Charge
Preston	Avenham St/ Winckley Square North, East and South/ Starkie St/ Garden St / Mount St/ Charnley St/ St Wilfreds St/ Fox St	Up to ½ hour – 70p Up to 1 hour - £1.40
Lancaster	Castle Hill	Up to ½ hour – 70p
Lancaster	Dalton Square/ Church St/ Friar St/ Marton St/ New Rd/ Penny Street	Up to ½ hour – 70p Up to 1 hour - £1.40
Lancaster	Robert St/ Quarry Rd/ George St	Up to 1 hour – 1.40
Lancaster	High St/ Queen St/ Phoenix St/ St Mary's Parade	Up to 1 hour - £1.40 Up to 2 hours – £2.30

Lancaster
replacement permits and permits required as a result of vehicle ownership will be dealt with free of charge

Resident parking permit fees Lancaster:

Zone	Permits issue date	Resident Permits Cost	Resident Permits Maximum per household	Visitor Permits Cost	Visitor Permits Maximum per household
A	1st May	£40.00	1	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
B	1st May	£40.00	1	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
C	1st May	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
D	1st July	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
E	1st October	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
F	1st February	£40.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
G	1st September	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
H	1st February	£40.00	2	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
I	1st February	£40.00	2	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
J	1st March	£40.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards

Resident parking permit fees Morecambe:

Zone	Permits issue date	Resident Permits Cost	Resident Permits Maximum per household	Visitor Permits Cost	Visitor Permits Maximum per household
N	1st October	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
O	1st July	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
P	1st August	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards
Q	1st April	£15.00	Unlimited	NOT AVAILABLE	
R	1st November	£25.00	Unlimited	£1.00	2 x 10-day cards

Other parking permit fees Lancaster:

Zone	Tradesmen Permits Cost	Tradesmen Permits Maximum Period	Carer On Call Permits (Recognised Agencies Providing 'Care at Home' Services) Cost	Carer On Call Permits (Recognised Agencies Providing 'Care at Home' Services) Maximum Period
A	£3.00	Per day	£10.00	Annual
B	£3.00	Per day	£10.00	Annual
C	£3.00	Per day	£10.00	Annual
D	£3.00	Per day	£10.00	Annual
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Q	NOT AVAILABLE		NOT AVAILABLE	
R	£3.00	Per day	£10.00	Annual

Ribble Valley
Permits are valid from 1 February and expire 31st January. Replacement permits can be purchased at the full price and will expire on 31st January.

Resident parking permit fees	
FEES	Resident parking permit fees (maximum 1 per household)
Residents Permit	£40.00

Fylde
Permits are valid from date of issue.
Replacement permits are charged at their original price, but are valid for 12 months from the date of issue

Fees	Resident parking permit fees: Resident Permit (12 months)	Resident parking permit fees: Vistors Permit (12 months)	business parking permit fees: BUSINESS PERMITS (12 months)	business parking permit fees: DOCTORS PERMITS (12 months)
first permit	£5.00	£5.00	£125.00	£20.00
second permit	£5.00	£5.00	£125.00	£20.00

A maximum of two resident and two visitor permits will be issued per household.
A maximum of two Business permits per Business

Preston
Permits are valid from date of issue.
A landlord/lady is entitled to apply for visitor permits only.
Replacement permits are charged at £20, or free if the permit was stolen (and a police log number is provided), damaged or as required as a result of change in vehicle ownership.
Carers, Housing Associations and Charities can apply for a permit at a cost of £29.00.

Resident Permits (maximum 2 per household)			VISITORS PERMITS (Maximum 2 per household)			
1st Permit	2nd Permit	1 month Disc	3 months Disc	6 months Disc	12 months Disc	15 visits card
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		£5.50	Without Resident Permit

South Ribble
Permits are valid from the first day of April until the last day of March.
Replacement permits are charged at £20, or free if the permit was stolen and a police log number is provided.

Fees	Resident parking permit fees: 12 months (1 permit per household)	Resident parking permit fees: Visitors book (10 x 4hr permits) (2 per household)
	£28.60	£5.00

West Lancashire
Permits for Zone A are valid from 1st February until 31st January
Permits for Zone B are valid from 1st May until 30th April..
Permits for Zone C are valid from 1st December until 30th November.
Replacement permits are charged at full price.

Fees	Resident parking permit fees: Resident Permit 12 months start and expiry dates as above (1 permit per household)	Resident parking permit fees: Visitors Permit 12 months start and expiry dates as above (1 permit per household)
	£25.00	£10.00

Chorley
Permits can be purchased for either a 6 or 12 month duration and are valid from the date of issue. Replacement Permits can be purchased for £10

Fees	Resident parking permit fees (maximum 2 permits per household): 6 months	Resident parking permit fees (maximum 2 permits per household): 12 months	business parking permit fees (maximum 2 per business address): 6 months	business parking permit fees (maximum 2 per business address): 12 months
first permit	£10	£15	£120	£220
second permit	£20	£35	£120	£220

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Permits are valid from 1st December until 30th November

Fees	Resident parking permit fees: Resident Permit 12 months start and expiry dates as above. (1 permit per household)	Resident parking permit fees: Visitors Permit 12 months start and expiry dates as above. (1 permit per household)
	£25.00	£25.00

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Permits for Zones 1 to 5 are valid from 1st January to 31st December
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Resident parking permit fees			
FEES	Resident Permit 12 months start and expiry date as above. (maximum 3 permits per household)	Visitors Permit 12 months start and expiry date as above. (maximum 1 permit per household)	Business Permit (maximum 3 permits per Business)
1st Permit	£15.60	FREE	£26.00
2nd Permit	£26.00		
3rd Permit	£26.00		

Pendle
Permits are valid from 1 February to 31 January and Lost or Damaged Permits charged at £5.00 for replacement.

FEES	Resident Permits (maximum 4 per household)	Visitor Permits (maximum 1 per household)	Business Permit (Zone BF1 and Zone C3 ONLY)		
1st Permit	£17.00	£17.00	Zone BF1	Max 1 per business	£32.00
2nd Permit	£17.00				
3rd Permit	£17.00		Zone C3	Max 2 per business	£32.00
4th Permit	£17.00				

A copy of the above, along with all other related documents can be inspected by visiting the County Council website at: www.lancashire.gov.uk and searching for permanent proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk quoting ref:LSG4\5.53030\RH3 before the 4th February 2015

Ian Young, County Secretary & Solicitor
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DEATHS

McTAGGART RUTH EMILY

On 22nd December 2014

Aged 72 years

Loving and devoted wife and best friend of the late Colin, dearly loved mum of Stewart and Sarah, mother in law of Tracey, dear gran of Alex, Amber, Leif, Kye and the late Fern, great-gran of Daisy. Service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Southport on Tuesday 13th January at 12:30pm followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for Macmillan Cancer Support and Water Aid (please make cheques payable to Howard's Donation Account). Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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Bushell Bernard Jack (Bernie)

On 23rd December 2014

Aged 88 Years.

Loving Husband, devoted Dad, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends, funeral service will take place at St Michaels Church Dalton on Friday 9th January at 1.15pm followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Dementia UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

Gill Brian

26th December 2014
Peacefully in hospital

Loving Husband of Hazel and Father to Ian, Michael and Helen. Much loved Grandpa, who will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service and Interment will take place at Newburgh Parish Church on Friday 9th January 2015 at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only by request please but the family are receiving donations on behalf of Cancer Research UK. All enquiries please to Cookson Tyrers Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770.

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Williams Christopher Thomas (Big Chris)

24th December 2014

Peacefully at home with his family, aged 70 years

Loving father to Kevin and daughter-in-law Meaghan. Doting grandfather to Alice. Loving uncle to Jay, Nathan and Shelly. He will also be very much missed by Judy and by all that knew him in Westhead. Funeral service and interment at St James Church, Westhead on Monday 12th January 2015 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to Queenscourt Hospice and Cancer Research UK. For further enquires please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

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DEATHS

Riley Martin Patrick

On 28th December 2014

Peacefully at home. Aged 51 years.

Loving Son of Mary and Jimmy, will be sadly missed by his Brothers, Sister and their families. Reunited with his late Sister Anne.
"Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never". Funeral service will take place at St Richards Church on Friday 9th January at 9.00am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

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Martin Riley

Died 28th December 2014

One tree can start
a forest,
One smile can begin
a friendship,
One hand can lift a soul,
One word can
frame the goal,
One candle can wipe
out darkness,
One laugh can
conquer gloom,
One hope can raise
your spirits,
One touch can
show you care,
One life can make a
difference.

Love your Musketeers
Joanne, Nicky
and Lynne
xxx

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DEATHS

PINNINGTON William (Billy)

23rd December 2014
Passed away suddenly at home, aged 57 of Bluebell Avenue, Wigan Previously of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved brother of Eddy, Margaret, Lynn & Pat. A dear brother in law to Angela & Nigel and loving uncle to all his neices and nephews. He will be loved and missed by all.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Gallagher Jane

THANKS

Stephen Gallagher and family would like to thank all family and friends for their love and support at this sad time.

They would also like to thank R Devonport for the service.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Frederick James

Dorothy and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, kind wishes and support following Fred's passing. Special thanks to all the staff at Stocks Hall Nursing Home in Burscough for the dedicated care given to Fred. Also to Pastor Bill McCurrie for his thoughtful ministrations and a special thank you to Derek Crawford and staff at Hunters Funeral Directors for their dignified and professional arrangements.

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Saint Jude's Novena

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Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

Instructions:
Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it a public building.

P.Y.

DEATHS

LONGHURST RONA

Passed away on 23rd December 2014

Aged 96 years.

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Betty Roebuck

Died peacefully on 29th December 2014

Aged 89 years

Much loved Wife of John, devoted Mum of Catherine and Sheila Mary. Loving Granny to all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Family flowers only please but donations are being gratefully received for one's own choice. Funeral service to take place on Friday 16th January 2015 at Ormskirk Parish Church at 2.00pm followed by burial at Christ Church, Aughton. For further enquiries please contact Hunters F.D. 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

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DEATHS

EATON (nee PYE) DIANNE

On 25th December 2014

Aged 60 years. Suddenly, peacefully in hospital.

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DEATHS

Guinan Samantha Jane

28th December 2014

Suddenly but peacefully, aged 40 years of Skelmersdale

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(REVOCATION AND INTRODUCTION OF PARKING PLACES) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 45 and 46 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the whole of schedule 3.01 and 4.01 of the "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009".
2. Revoke the whole of schedule 5 and 6 of the "Lancashire County Council (Moorgate Area, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocation Prohibiton Of Waiting, Restriction Of Waiting And Resdients Permit Holders Parking Places) Order 2012".
3. Revoke the whole of schedule 3 of the "Lancashire County Council (Mill Street And Grammar School Court, Ormskirk, West Lancashire) (Part Revocation, Prohibition Of Waiting And Limited Waiting Except Permit Holders) Order 2013".
4. revoke the whole of schedule 5 to the "Lancashire County Council (Station Road Scarisbrick Street, Burscough Street, Hardacre Street, Chestnut Court, Railway Approach, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Part Revocations And Various Parking Restrictions) Order 2014".
5. Introduce permit holders only in parking places located in the following road in Ormskirk :
Bridge Avenue, Dyers Lane, South Terrace
6. Introduce permit holders and limited waiting of 1 hour, no return within 3 hours, from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in parking places located in Mill Street, Ormskirk.
7. Introduce permit holders only from Monday to Saturday between midnight and 9am and 6pm until midnight and All Day Sunday and permit holders and limited waiting of 2 hours, no return within 2 hours, from Monday to Saturday between 9am and 6pm in parking places located in the following roads in Ormskirk
Bridge Street, Moorgate, South Terracce
8. Introduce a doctors parking place in Ellerbrook Way, Ormskirk.
9. Introduce limited parking places, 1 hour, no return within 4 hours, from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm, except residents permit holders, in the following roads:
Burscough Street, Hardacre Street,Railway approach,Scarisbrick Street Station Road

A copy of the above, along with all other related documents can be inspected by visiting the County Council website at: www.lancashire.gov.uk where you can click on "T" and select 'Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's)', then follow the links until you reach the relevant information.

If you are unable to access the information via our website, they may also be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4.RH3.5.51215]** before the 4th February 2015.

Ian Fisher, County Secretary & Solicitor
7th January 2015

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2014/0944/COU Change of use of land for siting additional holiday static caravans at Shaw Hall Caravan Park, Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 7th January 2015 PDNOT823

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHAPEL LANE AND HOLMESWOOD LANE, HOLMESWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1,2 and 4 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a prohibition of waiting at any time in the following lengths of road:

1)Chapel Lane, Holmeswood on both sides, from a point 3.5 metres southwest of the centreline of Holmeswood Road for a distance of 13.5 metres in a south westerly direction.
2)Holmeswood Road, Holmeswood, the south side, from a point 12.5 metres north west of the centreline of Chapel Lane for a distance of 25 metres in a south easterly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF and at the offices of The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The County Secretary & Solicitor, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\5.53162\DJ** before the 4th February 2015.

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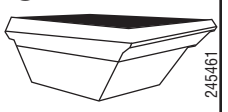

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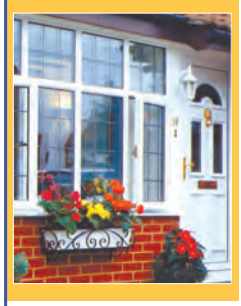

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The two special edition cars, which went on sale on New Year's Day, costs £12,145.

Models included in the Mitsubishi New Year deals are the facelifted version of the Shogun Code NA

New Year means a new motor craze

Life On Cars
DAVID SIMISTER

THE INTERNET is currently bursting at the seams with people wondering whether they're going to get their hoverboards this year.

It's 2015, which if you grew up in the Eighties or early Nineties only means one thing; finally being able to see how much Back to the Future II jumped from fiction to fact.

It's odd looking back at the all the things proclaimed as being the future back in 1985, and I don't just mean the Sinclair C5.

Things such as four–wheel–steering and talking digital dashboards were about as futuristic as Human League records – but how of many today's cars actually have them? On the other hand, Eighties luxuries like folding door mirrors and reversing cameras are making it into even the cheapest of today's cars, and safety essentials ABS and airbags are de rigueur.

But I'd love to know is what petrolheads will be thinking in another 30 years when they look back at motoring's latest rethink.

This is the year, it's looking increasingly likely, when the British sports car whipped off its trainers and slapped on some walking boots.

I'm not talking about Jaguar's four–wheel–drive version of its F–type, but sports cars designed specifically for venturing up forest tracks rather than setting blistering lap times around Oulton Park.

We've had sporty off–roaders before, of course, but it's looking increasingly likely 2015 will be the year of the off–roady sports car.

Word on the automotive grapevine is that Lotus is making an off–road version of its Evora, which will keep its rear–wheel–drive but will be jacked up and fitted with knobbly tyres.

It might sound preposterous, but given Lotus' engineering talent I'm really looking forward to seeing if they can pull it off.

Luckily, you don't have to wait until Lotus finishes to see what an off–road sports car looks like. Ariel has managed to cross its already mildly unhinged Atom with something you might find in an Action Man toy set, called it the Nomad, and is about to put it on sale.

It hasn't got four–wheel–drive either, but with the chunky tyres, the minimal weight and the 200bhp the 2.4 litre Honda engine chucks out, it's unlikely you'd need it on the rough stuff. As unlikely as an off–road Ariel Atom sounds, I think it's going to be fantastic.

So is the off–road sports car something that's going to catch on or is it an automotive dead end? Given the appetite for cars that even look a bit off–roaders but aren't – take a bow, Nissan Qashqai – I'd like to think it's the former.

I'm more likely to pilot an Ariel off–road than to take up hoverboarding, that's for sure!

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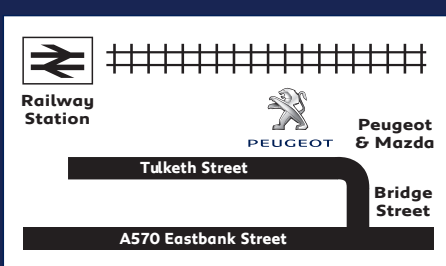

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AS Skelmersdale United prepare for their crunch fixture against third placed Buxton on Saturday they can feel confident having continued to move ahead of the rest in the Evo–Stik Premier Division, recovering well from their first reverse of the festive period to grab another three points from Saturday's trip to Trafford, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow*

It was indeed a gallant effort by Tommy Lawson's men at Borough Park, especially as they had so much against them. Workington are one of the league's in–form sides and they had been spared a game on Sunday, December 28, so were that little bit fresher than Skem, who had faced a three hour trip and an early morning New Year's Day start, to even arrive in West Cumbria.

Skelmersdale kicked off with a gale force wind at their backs and two minutes in Dan Mitchley came within an ace of carrying the ball around home goalkeeper Jonny Jamieson, but was thwarted by the custodian's dive at his feet.

When in the eighth minute Scott Bakkor brought a save out of Jamieson, it looked promising, but however, it didn't get a lot better.

When Workington struck in the 24th minute it was something of a psychological blow to the balance of play.

The ball was crossed left to right side and pushing on Jake Simpson won a challenge with James Short, set off on a run and slammed a shot into the Skelmersdale net via the post.

In truth between then and half–time Workington with a quality left–sided player, Conor Tinnion rampant, could have scored a few and it was only down to Skelmersdale's determination that they hung on.

In the opening minutes of the second period Skelmersdale goalkeeper Andy Paxton made a fine save from Matty Tymon but suffered an injury in the process. Thankfully he carried on, though.

Skelmersdale counterattacked into the wind in the 54th minute and Alan Burton was rather crudely fouled by Dan Wordsworth.

The free kick was lifted into the box, knocked down to Burton who drove the ball low under Jamieson to level the scores.

Unfortunately it took Workington only nine minutes to restore their lead, the word unfortunate is appropriate because, there was certainly an element of luck about the goal.

Winning a corner on the right, Tinnion lifted the ball with his left–foot into the goalmouth; the gale took a grip and carried the ball beyond everyone into the top far corner of the Skelmersdale net.

Skelmersdale just didn't have the legs left to generate another equaliser.

Aidan Kirkbride brought one save out of Jamieson and it could have been more for Workington, but again that Skelmersdale spirit saved them and it could be important as the season progresses.

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Williams goal too late for Linnets to launch fightback

Burscough 1
Warrington Town 3

JORDAN Williams scored a late consolation for the Linnets but Ben Wharton and forward partner Ashley Ruane both grabbed goals after the break to add to Craig Robinson's first half tap–in as Warrington secured the three points.

Chris Gahgan almost broke the deadlock for the visitors inside two minutes when his cross looped over the goalkeeper and came back off the bar.

Ruane then found himself through on goal, but was beaten to the ball by the onrushing Calvin Hare. The goalkeeper's clearance rebounded back off a defender on the edge of the box and rolled just wide.

The opening goal came shortly before half time. From a free–kick in the middle of the park, Nathan Burke was found with space in the box.

He took the ball to the byline and squeezes the ball across the box, the 'keeper missed it and Robinson was at the back post for a simple tap–in.

Warrington's second goal came just after the break as Wharton turned his man inside the box and fired home.

The game was then broken up as the referee produced four yellow cards in as many minutes for separate incidents.

The third goal for the visitors came 10 minutes later when a low free–kick which evaded everyone bar Ruane at the back post, and the striker cut inside to find the corner with his left foot to score.

Burscough scored on 82 minutes when Williams found the net with a shot the keeper should have saved but it was too alte for a comeback.

Burscough snatch late leveller

Burscough 1 Prescot Cables 1

IN a difficult game and difficult conditions, Burscough battled to earn a point on New Year's Day.

Heavy rain was persistent throughout the game and Prescot started on top and created some early chances but failed to convert any.

It was not until 20 minutes into the game when Burscough had their first real chance forcing Prescot keeper Ciaran Gibson into a save.

Prescot had a chance to take the lead after 30 minutes when a ball across the box beat Calvin Hare, but it was put over from three yards out and the linesman put his flag up for offside.

Burscough slowly got back into the game late in the first half and started to get the ball forward more and created some chances of their own, but also failed to convert.

Five minutes into the second half Prescot were awarded a penalty, which Neil Prince put away.

On 60 minutes came the first change of the game Joe Camozzi replacing Nick Ryan for Burscough. Ten minutes later Prescot had a chance to double the lead from a free kick which hit the post.

Burscough opted for a double change on 75 minutes with Danny Smith and Matty Devine replacing Phil Quirk and Wade Joyce. Burscough went on the attack for the final 15 minutes of the game and with 10 minutes left they found themselves level when Matty Devine scored from the edge of the area.

With the game now level both teams had chances to take all three points from the game.

Burscough came closest when Jordan Williams hit the bar from a half volley shot just inside the area with three minutes remaining. In one of the last actions of the game Prescot keeper Ciaran Gibson tipped the ball onto the bar.

Trinity triumph in handball contest

YOUNGSTERS from Trinity CE Primary School proved more than handy after winning in a competition organised by school services provider, SHARES Lancashire. The handball event, at Lathom High School, featured teams from eight Skelmersdale schools – Trinity, Hillside, St John's, Holland Moor, Crow Orchard, Brookfield Park, St Richard's and Bishop Martin. The final saw Trinity taking on Crow Orchard with the former just edging it to lift the trophy. A SHARES spokesperson said: "Thanks go to Lathom High for letting us use their fantastic facilities and to leader students for the officiating."

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